

HOUSE BILL NO. 543

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to unvented gas space heaters in residential buildings."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1. AS 18.56.300(e) is amended to read:**

4 **(e) In this section,**

5 **(1) "construction codes" means, with reference to a municipality, the**
6 **building, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical codes, or any of them that have been**
7 **adopted and are enforced by the municipality;**

8 **(2) "state building code" means**

9 **(A) for building standards, the standards set out in the version**
10 **of the Uniform Building Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety**
11 **under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that code applicable to**
12 **buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer than four dwelling**
13 **units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from the Department of**
14 **Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2);**

1 (B) for mechanical standards, the standards set out in the
2 version of the Uniform Mechanical Code adopted by the Department of Public
3 Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that code applicable to
4 buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer than four dwelling
5 units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from the Department of
6 Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2);

7 (C) for plumbing standards, the publications identified as the
8 minimum plumbing code under AS 18.60.705, except as provided in
9 AS 18.60.705(c); and

10 (D) for electrical standards, the minimum electrical standards
11 prescribed by AS 18.60.580.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 18.60.705 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, unvented gas space heaters are allowed
14 in residential buildings to the extent allowed by the 1992 edition of the National Fuel
15 Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1 NFPA 54.

16 * Sec. 3. AS 18.60.740 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 18.60.740. DEFINITIONS. In AS 18.60.705 - 18.60.740,

18 (1) "code" means the code adopted under AS 18.60.705(a) as amended
19 by AS 18.60.705(b) and (c) [AS 18.60.705(b)];

20 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of labor;

21 (3) "department" means the Department of Labor;

22 (4) "inspector" means a qualified inspector employed by, designated by,
23 or under contract to the Department of Labor.

24 * Sec. 4. AS 18.62.070 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 18.62.070. PERSONS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATE. A
26 person engaged in one of the following trades shall first obtain from the department
27 the appropriate certificate of fitness in that trade:

28 (1) electrical wiring subject to the standards established in
29 AS 18.60.580; and

30 (2) plumbing subject to the uniform plumbing code; in this paragraph,
31 "uniform plumbing code" means the publications identified as the minimum plumbing

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code for the state under AS 18.60.705, except as provided in AS 18.60.705(c).